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Closing-out Sale

Our efforts at finding goods not before advertised in these stocks and our blue-pencil price-cutting process on them seem to result in our being able to offer each day a better batch of real bargains than any that have preceded them.

Ladies' Muslin Gowns

Square neck; embroidery trimmed. Regularly 75c. **Now 60c**
High neck; long sleeves; embroidery trimmed. Regularly 85c. **Now 65c**
Low neck, short sleeves; lace trimmed. Regularly \$1.00. **Now 75c**
Laced trimmed; high neck; long sleeves. Were \$1.00. **Now 75c**
Lace and embroidery trimmed; low neck and short sleeves. Were \$1.00. **Now 75c**
High V neck; embroidery and lace trimmed. Were \$1.50. **Now \$1.00**
Low neck; lace trimmed; lace sleeves. Were \$2.00. **Now \$1.50**

Ladies' Muslin Skirts.

With 18-inch embroidery flounce and dust ruffle. Were \$1.50. **Now \$1.00**
18-inch embroidered flounce and tucks; dust ruffle. Were \$1.25. **Now \$1.25**
Wide English eyelet embroidery and three clusters of hemstitched tucks; dust ruffle. Were \$2.25. **Now \$1.50**

Veilings.

Becoming designs in Plain, Fancy, and Spotted Tuxedo Mesh Veilings, in black, black and white, and the wanted colors; 18 inches wide. Were 25c to \$1.50 per yard. **Now 12 1/2c to 75c per yard.**

Black Net Robe.

Black Silk Dotted La Tosca Net Robe; trimmed with soutache braid and silk embroidered. **\$25.00**

All-over Embroidery.

All-over Embroidery, in batiste, swiss, and nainsook; 18 to 45 inches wide.

Were \$1.25 to \$4.50 yard. **Now 75c to \$3.00 yard.**

Embroidery Flouncing and Insertions.

Swiss and Batiste Embroidery Flouncing; 18 to 54 inches wide.

Were \$1.25 to \$6.50. **Now 90c to \$3.25.**

Insertions to match, 3 inches wide. Were 75c to \$3.50. **Now 50c to \$2.00 yard.**

Embroidered Batiste Robe Patterns

In white and plain and combinations of colors, containing 4 1/2 yards of 48-in. embroidered flouncing, 4 1/2 yards embroidered insertion, 4 1/2 yards cuff edging, 2 1/2 yards plain 45-in. batiste. Were \$18.00. **Now \$13.50**

HEYBURN AMUSES SENATE IN DEBATE ON BANK BILL

Senator Carter Kept Busy Explaining Away Objections to Postal Depository System Offered by Idahoan.

A brisk debate on the postal savings bank bill that afforded much amusement to Senators was the closing feature of the session in the Senate yesterday. Senator Heyburn was the principal speaker. He was denouncing the measure unsparingly as a scheme for coaxing away from the people their savings and tying them up indefinitely where the depositors could not recover them.

Senator Carter, of Montana, who had charge of the bill, asked Senator Heyburn, if he was not aware that every savings bank in the country demanded notice of from sixty to ninety days before permitting depositors to withdraw their money.

"Well, a stocking or an old tin can don't require sixty or ninety days' notice," said Mr. Heyburn.

"But we think," stately remarked Senator Carter, "that we have something better here than a stocking or an old tin can."

As the debate progressed Senator Heyburn tried to make it appear that there was a book agent plot concealed in the postal savings measure. He demanded to know why the framers of the bill had not provided rules and regulations for conducting the system of postal savings.

Senator Carter replied that this had been committed to the board of trustees under the bill following the rule of every country that had passed a postal savings bank law.

By way of explanation, Senator Carter introduced into the debate a book containing about 300 pages, bound in green cloth, which purported to give the rules and regulations governing postal savings banks in certain parts of Canada. Senator Heyburn thereupon scented the plot.

First, he tried to ascertain from Senator Carter what the book would cost. Then he inquired how many possible depositors in postal savings banks there would be. And then he made a mathematical computation of the number of these books that the American people would have to purchase in order to make the postal savings plan a success.

Tried Persuasion.

Senator Carter tried to persuade Mr. Heyburn that the books were only for the guidance of the managers of these institutions, and that there was no duty imposed on depositors to buy these books. But Senator Carter's explanation only raised fresh troubles in the mind of Senator Heyburn. He then scented a plot to keep the depositors in ignorance regarding the operation of the system.

By way of illustration Senator Carter cited the case of the postal guide, which contained information respecting the postal service of the United States, a book which he commended to Senator Heyburn. Mr. Carter explained that it was a larger volume than the one under consideration, and an American citizen could buy a postage stamp without first being put to the necessity of buying a postal guide for instructions.

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—and one of the strongest savings depositories in Washington when you deposit in our banking department.

More than 28,000 depositors. Same rate of interest paid on both large and small accounts.

National Savings & Trust Company,
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FORTY-FOURTH YEAR.

"This book is simply for the instruction of the men who execute the law," said Mr. Carter.

"But what becomes of the men who are executed by the law," roared Mr. Heyburn. "Have they no right to be informed?"

Finally, after he had analyzed the book to his own satisfaction, Senator Heyburn handed it back to Senator Carter, remarking as he did so that inasmuch as the book was issued for private circulation, it had no place in a public debate.

Got Book Back.

"Well," remarked Senator Carter meekly, "I am glad to get the book back."

About this time Senator Keen, of New Jersey, crept over near Senator Heyburn and whispered to him that he would like to move an adjournment if it was agreeable to Mr. Heyburn, smiled and nodded, and Senator Keen turned the trick, bringing the colloquy to an end.

SUNDAY BILL CRITICISED.

Petitioners Flood Senate Protecting Enactment of Johnston Measure.

The Senate is still receiving a flood of petitions protesting against the enactment of the Johnston bill for the proper observance of Sunday as a day of rest in the District. These protests, the majority of which are in printed form, come from all the States.

The proposed law is characterized by the petitioners as "unconstitutional, un-American and un-Christian," who declare that "it is foreign to the American idea of civil government, since it is a union of church and state to the extent of the legislation involved and in principle contains all the evils of such a union."

PURCELL NAMED PROBER.

New Senator Succeeds Paynter on Ballinger Inquiry Board.

W. E. Purcell, the new Senator from North Dakota, was yesterday afternoon appointed a member of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator Paynter.

Mr. Purcell was only sworn in Tuesday. The place was offered to several other Democratic Senators, who declined, most of those to whom it was offered objected to being second choice.

Others assigned the reason that the testimony of Glavis, the principal witness, had been practically concluded and they objected to coming in after the hearing was so far advanced. None of these objections could be urged by the new member. He was helpless and had to accept.

RAILWAY MAKES REPORT.

In its annual report transmitted to Congress yesterday the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Railway Company places its total receipts at \$7,447,52. The corporation paid out \$30,000 in dividends, and states its capital stock is \$1,500,000.

The total funded debt is \$2,410,000 and the floating debt is \$158,947.50.

CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFS.

The Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce will begin hearings today on the Elkins-Townsend bill, the administration measure, proposing amendments to the commerce law. The hearings will last about four days.

The bill introduced by Representative Denny providing that the Secretary of the Treasury, and not the Attorney General, shall pass upon the bonds offered by surety companies was referred favorably yesterday by the House Committee on the Judiciary.

A favorable report was ordered by the House Committee on the Judiciary on the measure providing for the appointment of an additional United States judge in the Northern district of Ohio.

The Humphreys bill, known as the administration ship-subsidy measure, will be taken up today by the House Committee of Merchant Marine and Fisheries. It is generally understood that the committee will make a favorable report.

Announcement was made yesterday by the Senate Committee on Commerce, of the engagement of the membership of the Committee on Civil Service to twelve. The three new Republican members of the committee will be Senators Borah, of Idaho; Smoot, of Utah, and Dixon, of Montana.

SENATE WILL PROBE INCREASE IN PRICES

Lodge Introduces Resolution Favorable to Members.

WANTS COMMITTEE NAMED

Urges President to Appoint Five Senators to Ascertain Whether Prices Have Increased in Last Ten Years—Elkins Protests Against Attempt to Steal His Scheme.

The Senate is going to appoint a committee to delve into the subject of the increased cost of living.

A number of resolutions providing for an investigation on this subject have been introduced in the Senate, but one presented yesterday morning by Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, empowering a committee of five Senators to conduct such an investigation, will, it is expected, meet the approval of the Senate, though it is likely to undergo some change.

Senator Lodge's resolution was referred to the Committee on Finance, which will report it favorably.

The resolution provides that there shall be appointed by the President of the Senate a select committee of five Senators to investigate the cost of living and the prices of the necessities of life, to ascertain so far as possible whether such prices have increased during the last ten years, and the cause or causes of such increase.

May Study Wages.

The committee shall also investigate the subject of wages and ascertain whether wages have increased during the same period; it shall also investigate the cost of production of said articles and of their distribution and sale and shall report to Congress the results of their investigation, together with any recommendations, and with a bill or bills, if, in the judgment of the committee, legislation is necessary in regard to the subjects of the investigation.

The committee is authorized to employ experts, administer oaths, and take testimony.

Senator Elkins voiced his protest in the Senate yesterday afternoon against what appeared to him as an attempt to steal his thunder in the matter of the Senate investigation into the high cost of living.

The introduction of Senator Lodge's resolution, which had been talked over in the Finance Committee yesterday, and the apparent disposition to pass it alarmed Mr. Elkins, who offered the first measure looking to the investigation of the high cost of living.

Elkins Enters Protest.

Rising to a question of privilege, Mr. Elkins asked Chairman Keen, of the Senate Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate, why the committee had not reported the resolution.

"As the proper time, when committee reports are in order," said Mr. Keen, smilingly, "I will either report or not report the resolution."

"That is unsatisfactory," said Mr. Elkins. "I am entitled to a report. The chairman of the committee should not sit on the resolution. I have asked him daily why action was not had. I have urged him to report it favorably or unfavorably, but to get it before the Senate, not simply put the resolution to sleep."

GROCCERS APPROVE ACTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The action of the board of directors of the Retail Grocers' Protective Association in issuing a statement Monday night, in which the charges that the organization was a "grocers' trust," were denied, was approved at a general meeting of the association held at the Jolly Fat Men's Club, last night. There was a large attendance and many of the members made addresses on the subject of the attacks that were made on the organization by witnesses before the District Committee of the House.

DR. WILEY URGES SALE OF BREAD BY WEIGHT.

The Commissioners spent three hours yesterday in public hearings, commencing at 10 o'clock and closing at 1 o'clock.

The initial hearing was on the Commissioners' bill to regulate the weight of bread sold in the District. Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry and pure food expert, of the Department of Agriculture, urged the passage of such a law.

He told the Commissioners that bread should be sold by weight and not loaf, that some standard weight in ounces and pounds should regulate the sale and not just what the bread makers see fit to give to consumers. He further said the law should be so framed as to prohibit any baker from turning out bread containing more than 3 per cent moisture and also regulate the sanitary handling of bread from bakery to consumer.

Dr. Wiley said there was 35 per cent of moisture and 10 per cent of flour in the average good loaf of bread. He pointed out that flour in the form of loaves of bread is sold by the bakers at from 25c to 35c a barrel, which is more than three times what the flour costs in the barrel.

Dr. George M. Kober, a member of the milk commission, and one of Washington's best known sanitary experts, followed Dr. Wiley in advocacy of a pure food regulation that should cover the manufacture and sale of bread.

R. M. Greathouse, E. D. Thompson, and H. C. Graves, representing the practical

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FINANCIAL CRASH

There Is No Alternative—We Must Sell or Fail.

Our bank has refused to come to our assistance. Only eight more days, in which time we must realize \$14,000 on our \$60,000 remaining stock of Goodyear Rain Coats and Cravenettes or fail. To avert this great catastrophe we are offering these splendid coats at the most sensational reductions this city has ever seen. Never, never have such phenomenal savings been offered the people of Washington.

Genuine Goodyear Garments Are to Go at a Fraction of Their Value.
Sale Now In Progress. Open To-night Till 8 o'clock.

For Women.

400 Ladies' Rain Coats.

Made of new English rubberized material, full loose cut, swifter model. These garments are all new 1910 models, and are suitable for rain or shine. Our regular \$10 to \$15 garments. Sell at fall price.

\$4.38

250 Styles in Ladies' Silk Rubberized Rain Coats.

In all colors and styles—a sensible garment for all kinds of weather. These garments are not carried by department stores or small dealers; all our own exclusive styles and patterns; \$15 to \$18 values. Sell at fall price.

\$5.87

210 Imported Parisian Models.

Highest class tailored moire silks manufactured. Guaranteed not to crack or spot and absolutely waterproof make; a swell automobile or evening coat. Ask to see these garments; values up to \$50. Sell at fall price.

\$13.50

For Men.

365 Men's Rain Coats.

Heavy and light weight; just the coats for stormy winter wear; in dark grays and mixtures. These are not the ordinary mackintosh, but a genuine cravenette; regularly sold for \$12.50. Sell at fall price.

\$4.40

500 Imported Mohair Silks.

These garments are guaranteed absolutely waterproof and spot-proof. This lot consists of grays, blacks, blues, and tans. These garments are made with high collars; strap seams and are cemented throughout. Sold everywhere for \$25. Sell at fall price.

\$6.49

175 Silk Rubberized Rain or Shine Coats.

In a beautiful array of colors and styles to select from, suitable for evening wear. In a bewildering assortment of stripes, checks, plaids, and plain colors; finest Skinner's silk. Custom price, \$30. Sell at fall price.

\$9.75

A Special Lot of 50 Priestley's Cravenettes.

Hand tailored throughout, silk and Venetian lined, in all-wool and silk worsteds, made of Priestley's best cloth; included in this lot are 15 military collars. These coats are very modish and are sold at all other stores for \$22. Sell at fall price.

\$12.75

110 Genuine Cravenettes

With and without military collar. Absolutely the best rainproof coat manufactured; guaranteed waterproof for 5 years. This lot consists of mostly novelties for fall and winter wear. Only one or two of a kind. Here's where the swell dressed can avail himself of unheard-of opportunity to buy a \$40 coat at our sell or fall price.

\$13.95

150 Men's Cravenettes.

All new 1910 winter models, guaranteed waterproof; hand tailored throughout; serge and Venetian lined in all this season's choicest patterns. Makes a swell dress overcoat. Standard price, \$20. Sell at fall price.

\$7.75

150 Men's and Young Men's English Slip-on Rain Coats.

Well tailored throughout, in plain grays, olives, light and dark blues. These coats suitable for all kinds of weather; take the place of any overcoat. Sold regularly for \$15. Sell at fall price.

\$6.45

300 Imported Winter-weight Cravenettes and Slip-ons.

Guaranteed and stamped by Priestley and us to be absolutely waterproof. Included in this lot are black, grays, tans, and Scotch mixtures. Positively most serviceable coat ever made to sell for \$25. Sell at fall price.

\$8.40

125 Genuine Priestley Cravenettes.

Including checks, plaids, stripes, fancy mixtures, and plain colors; an up-to-date garment; loose and fitted effects; all new 1910 winter models. These garments are hand-tailored throughout; are made of heaviest weight cravenette cloth. Sell at fall price.

\$9.37

Positively no goods sold to dealers—no goods delivered—no mail orders filled during this sale. Our entire stock of Policemen's, Firemen's, and Teamsters' Rubber Coats must be sacrificed. Sold regularly from \$7 to \$14. All to go at one price, \$3.50.

Notice—This is positively a Bona Fide Sale—every garment will be sold as advertised. We must raise \$14,000 in the next eight days or fail. Hundreds of other bargains too numerous to mention.

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RUBINSTEIN CLUB CONCERT.

Members Give Second Recital of Season at Arlington.

The Rubinstein Club, Mrs. A. M. Blair, conductor, gave its second morning recital of this season yesterday in the ballroom of the Arlington, where the club holds its weekly rehearsals. The audience was composed of the associate members and guests of the singers.